

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

KHALDOUN KHATTAB,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	CIVIL ACTION NO.
	:	1:07-CV-0196-RWS
MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF	:	
MEDICINE,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

ORDER

This case is before the Court for consideration of Plaintiff's Appeal of the Magistrate Judge's Order Denying Plaintiff's Request to Transfer [121]; Plaintiff's Appeal of this Court's Decision to this Case to the Magistrate Court for Pretrial Proceedings [122]; Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery [124]; Plaintiff's Appeal of the Magistrate Court's Decision to Extend Discovery [135]; and Plaintiff's Motion for an Emergency Hearing [192].

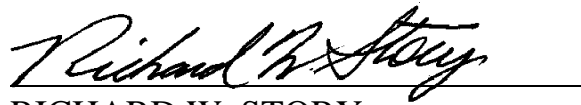
These motions may be resolved with little discussion. Plaintiff's Appeal of the Magistrate Judge's Order Denying Plaintiff's Request to Transfer [121] is **DENIED** for the same reasons stated in Judge Walker's order. Plaintiff's Appeal of this Court's Decision to Refer this Case to the Magistrate Court for

Pretrial Proceedings [122] is **DENIED**. The Magistrate Judge is authorized to handle pretrial proceedings in civil cases. 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(A); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a).

In Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery [124], Plaintiff sought to require the Magistrate Court to begin discovery and enter a scheduling Order. And in Plaintiff's Appeal of the Magistrate Court's Decision to Extend Discovery [135], Plaintiff sought to appeal the initial scheduling Order entered in this case. Since the filing of both of these Motions, discovery has begun and the parties have agreed to a consent scheduling Order entered on September 17, 2007 [234]. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery [124] and Plaintiff's Appeal of the Magistrate Court's Decision to Extend Discovery [135] are **DENIED as moot**.

Plaintiff's Emergency Request for a Hearing [192] is **DENIED**, as no remaining motions are pending before this Court.

SO ORDERED, this 2nd day of November, 2007.


RICHARD W. STORY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE